

**“A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley”
ACT I Study Guide**

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English 7th Grade

A Christmas Carol: Act 1

Directions: Answer these questions in complete, detailed sentences.

Act 1, Scene 1:



1. What is the setting of the play? (its place and time)
2. Who is Jacob Marley?
3. According to Marley, what are some of Scrooge's flaws?
4. What relationship did Scrooge and Marley share when Marley was still alive?

Act 1, Scene 2:

1. What does the term “Bah! Humbug!” mean?
2. Why doesn't Scrooge start a larger fire in the office, or repaint the sign outside of his business?

What does this say about who he is? (*indirect characterization!*)

3. How are Scrooge and his nephew's views about Christmas different?
4. What does Scrooge value most in life?

What does Fred value most in life?

5. What establishments does Scrooge support?

Why does he support them?

6. How does Scrooge deal with the men that visit the office when they come to his office?

What does this say about how he feels about the poor? (*indirect characterization!*)

7. What does Cratchit put into the hands of these men?

What makes his action ironic? (*irony= opposite of what you'd expect*)

8. What is Scrooge's reaction to the snow?

Act 1, Scene 3:

1. What items are being dragged from Marley’s chains?

What do they say about his character? (*indirect characterization!*)

2. Why does Scrooge think he might be imagining Marley?
3. Why is Marley forced to wear those chains?
4. Why does Marley visit Scrooge?
5. What is Scrooge’s only chance to escape the same fate as Marley?
6. When Marley disappears at the end of the scene, how does Scrooge react?

How does this differ from how he normally acts?



Act 1, Scene 4:

1. What does Marley inform the audience of?
2. Describe the *Ghost of Christmas Past*-physical and personality.
3. What ability does the spirit Past give to Scrooge?

Act 1, Scene 5:

1. What memories of Scrooge’s past make him weep?
2. How does Scrooge’s behavior change when he sees himself as a young boy?
3. Why does his sister, Fan go to see Scrooge at boarding school? How does Scrooge feel about his sister?
4. Who is Fezziwig? What lessons did he teach his apprentices?
5. Who are the man and the woman in this scene?

What does Scrooge wish would have happened?

6. What effect have Scrooge’s past experiences had on the person he has become?